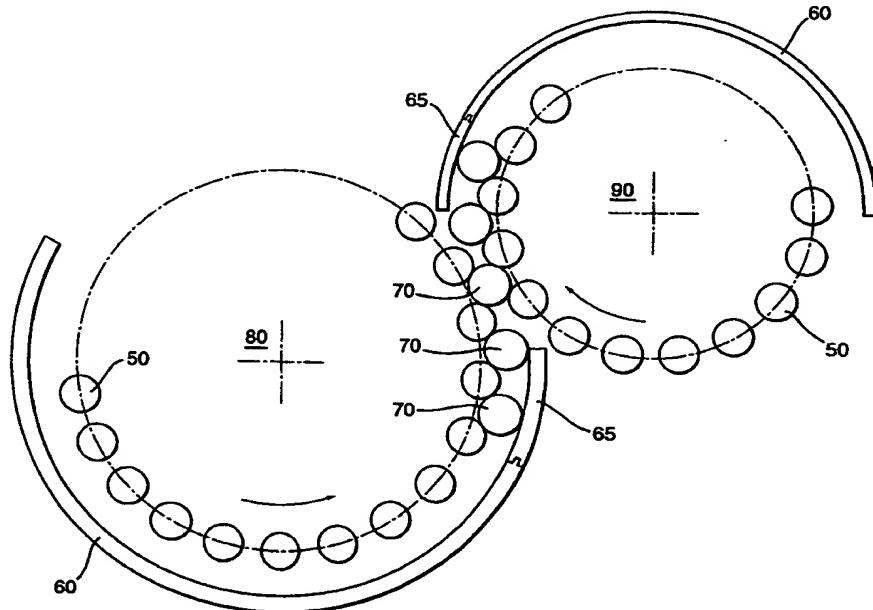




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(57) Abstract

A rinsing device having a plurality of rinse modules, each of which has at least one circular turret adapted to transport containers through the rinsing device. The turrets are arranged to rotate about a substantially horizontal axis, the axis being offset from the horizontal by an angle sufficient to ensure drainage of cleaning fluid from the containers under the influence of gravity. The containers are preferably supported around the periphery of the turret with their longitudinal axes parallel to the axis of rotation of the turret.